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MEMORANDUM

14 February 1949

TO : ADSO  
THROUGH: COPS  
FROM : TRS  
SUBJECT: Liaison with OPC

1. In accordance with your request, this report of TRS relationships with OPC is submitted.

2. Background: During my absence on leave in early September, the establishment of OPC was announced as well as the principle that OSO would give OPC support of a services nature. When I returned from leave, [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] told me that we were to assist OPC in its training problems and were to permit OPC students to attend OSO training courses provided that we made no essential changes in our courses and also provided that no OSO students were displaced from training courses by OPC entrants.

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We have tended to interpret rather broadly the statement that we should assist OPC in training problems by advising them on the types of training applicable to their operations, on standards of selection for training staff personnel, and on similar matters. We have handled OPC students in the OSO non-security cleared pool, in the Basic Intelligence Course, in the Field Administrative Course, and in the Advanced Intelligence Course (part-time only). A complete list of OPC personnel trained by us can be made available if desired.

On matters pertaining exclusively to OPC types of training, we have used our knowledge of and archive files on OSS training for background and have made available to the OPC training people selected schedules, T/O's, and manuals used by Schools and Training, OSS.

The recent appointment of a joint OSO/OPC Training Committee has regularized our relationships and will substitute control for what was in danger of becoming a rather loose liaison with dubious authorization.

3. Personalities: In the beginning, our liaison was with [redacted] and [redacted]

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4. Training Received by OPC Personnel: When OPC was established, several Special Projects Group individuals were in the non-security cleared pool. These were transferred to OPC but permitted to remain in the pool where they did background study assignments suitable to their grade levels and future duties. Several OPC recruits have since entered on duty in the pool and have worked on study projects as arranged by mutual agreement between OPC and ourselves. Subject to space limitations, OPC students have been admitted to our Basic Course, either full or part-time. One OPC man has taken the Field Administrative Course. [redacted] and [redacted] have audited portions of the Advanced Intelligence Course which are relevant to OPC operations, but they have been excluded from lectures of purely OSO interest or lectures of high security classification. It should be noted, however, that a few individuals now assigned to OPC were given partial or complete training when members of OSO, whether in SPG or elsewhere in OSO.

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5. Joint OSO/OPC Training Committee: You have received the committee report which attempts to define the scope of future committee activities. This report is currently being revised in accordance with your desires and will be resubmitted shortly. Attached to this memorandum are copies of the minutes of meetings held by the committee. Meetings have been held on 19 January, 26 January, 2 February, and 9 February. Minutes for only 19 January and 2 February are presented at this time. The meeting of 26 January was devoted exclusively to the preparation of the memorandum delineating the functions of the committee. The minutes of 9 February have not yet been prepared and approved but will be submitted to you. We plan to hold meetings once each week, unless emergencies require more frequent meetings.

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You will note that the committee has discussed some matters not immediately connected with the preparation of the memorandum outlining the scope of the committee. These matters fall within two categories: discussions of training problems which will later be presented to the Assistant Directors of OSO and OPC, and discussions of temporary expedients to handle current problems that fall within the original order that OSO Training was to assist OPC in its training, provided no essential changes were made in OSO courses.

6. The above paragraphs cover, I believe, the main aspects of our relationships with OPC. Further developments will be reported to you. Your attention is also called to memoranda which bear on OPC and were previously submitted:

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c. A Program for the Training of OPC Instructors  
by OSO/TRS

d. CIA Organization and Functions (OSO-OPC Training)

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